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TOURE AND BARRE

1. SOLIDARITY AND ANTI-INTERVENTION. PRESS JUNE 23
GIVES BIG PLAY TO SADAT'S MEETING WITH GUINEAN PRESIDENT
SEKOU TOURE AND SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE. SOLIDARITY
THEME HIGHLIGHTED (TOURE CHARACTERIZED IT AS "NOBLE
CAUSE"), BUT FOCUS ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA,
IN PRESS ACCOUNTS AND COMMUNIQUE (REFMSG), IMPLICITLY
CONDEMNS SOVIETS, CUBANS, AND THEIR REJECTIONIST SUPPORTERS. GUMHURIYYA PARTICULARLY STRESSED
ANTI-INTERVENTIONIST ASPECT OF SADAT-SEKOU TOURE TALKS,
NOTING "DANGEROUS" SITUATION IN HORN, SHABA AND PROLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRACTED STRUGGLE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. LIBYA. SADAT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SEKOU TOURE'S EFFORTS MEDIATE BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT. PRESIDENT SAID HE READY RESTORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LIBYA "IMMEDIATELY" BUT STRESSED THIS WILL NOT

BE DONE UNTIL REJECTIONISTS HALT "SLANDER CAMPAIGNS AGAINST EGYPT." EVEN THEN, SADAT INSISTED HE WOULD "NOT SHAKE HANDS WITH QADHAFI." SADAT REITERATED EGYPT PREPARED FOR ARAB SUMMIT ANYWHERE, ANYTIME--BUT, FROM CONTEXT PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, IT CLEAR HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SESSION SOON.

3. COMMENT: SADAT,IN PRAISING SEKOU TOURE'S CONCILIATORY EFFORTS, MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS FUNDAMENTAL HOSTILITY TO QADHAFI. IN CONTRAST SOUR LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, JUNE 23 AHRAM REPORTS EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO EGYPTIAN INTERESTS SECTION OF TUNISIAN EMBASSY IN ALGIERS AND WILL BE JOINED BY CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHES IN NEAR FUTURE. EILTS

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